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PARKVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR DEFRAUDING BANK OF \$110,000

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Parkville, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for misusing funds obtained through a \$320,000 land development loan.

Glenn Bryan Bechler, 41, of Parkville, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to five months in federal prison without parole and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$110,170.10.

On Nov. 12, 2003, **Bechler** pleaded guilty to bank fraud. By pleading guilty, **Bechler** admitted that he obtained a \$320,000 land development loan from First Federal Bank in Kansas City, Mo., but used the money for personal expenses, including alimony payments and mortgage payments.

The misuse of the funds was discovered after **Bechler** had become delinquent on his payments toward the loan. At that time, it was determined that he had furnished false and fraudulent invoices in support of several loan draw requests.

In March of 2002, **Bechler** had been advanced a total of \$210,437.53. By pleading guilty, he admitted that \$110,170.10 of that amount was obtained by submitting fraudulent invoices and that he used that portion of the money for personal expenses.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth E. Weinfurt. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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